

8th Wednesday of Ordinary Time. 5/26/2021

Whoever wishes to be great will be your servant.

It is wonderful to see all of you, second graders. Your First Communion is something big that happened in your life. In Holy Communion Jesus comes to your heart. You can talk to him in your mind. After this life, he wants you to be happy in heaven, with him and with the people you love.

In Holy Communion Jesus makes you stronger to help others. And in the Gospel stories he teaches us how to treat each other.

In the story today, the apostles get angry over who gets to sit next to Jesus. Each of them wants to be the first, the most important, and tell others what to do. They all want to be the boss, so they get angry with each other.

Then Jesus calls them to talk to them. We see here how Jesus is patient with the apostles. He doesn't nag them. He calls them together and is patient. This is something for us to learn. When people get upset, if we get upset too, that makes things worse. But if we are patient and talk, that can help to bring peace.

Jesus explains to the apostles that wanting to be first will not make them happy. They will be happy by finding ways to help each other. And Jesus gives them that example.

Jesus doesn't boss around people. What does he do? He teaches them, he forgives them, he heals them, he gives them company. This is the example for us to follow.

We will soon receive Jesus again in Holy Communion. Pray to him. Tell him everything that is in your heart. Stay close to Jesus, trust him, and he will guide you all your life.